

Hylan Ignores Port Plans to Cut Food Cost

Board of Estimate Fails to Accept Invitation of New Jersey-New York Commission for Freight Relief

Advice of City Needed

Ex-Governor Smith One of Officials Working on Project to Reduce Charges

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, General Goethals, E. H. Outerbridge, Benjamin F. Cresson and others of the Port of New York Authority, a commission authorized by the states of New York and New Jersey to report plans for the handling of freight and reducing the cost of living in New York, were turned down cold yesterday by Mayor Hylan and the Board of Estimate on the invitation of the Port Authority to the city officials to come down to 11 Broadway and talk things over.

Messrs. Smith, Goethals, Outerbridge, Cresson and a staff of engineers, with plans and blueprints, waited for more than an hour for some representative of the city to appear. None arrived. When Chairman Outerbridge was asked what inference he drew from the refusal of the Hylan board to talk over the matter of improving port conditions, he said that he drew none—that it was the business of the Port Authority to do its work under the law without regard to the attitude of people who did not agree with them.

Invitation to Estimate Board

On July 5 Chairman Outerbridge sent a letter to every member of the Board of Estimate, setting forth the purpose of the Port Authority, and directing attention to the clause in the law which says that the body shall confer with governing bodies of all municipalities within the port district. This letter asked the board to meet with the Port Authority on July 21 at 2 o'clock in order that the two bodies might take up in detail the coming report which the Port Authority is preparing, so that before the report is completed and submitted the Port Authority might have the benefit of the criticism of the Board of Estimate.

That was on July 5. No answer reached the port authority offices until the afternoon of the 19th. Tuesday—when a letter came from the assistant secretary of the Board of Estimate inclosing a set of resolutions adopted by the board, the upshot of the communication being that the Board of Estimate wanted a full set of plans and reports to look over before it acted on the invitation of the port authority.

One of the resolutions of the Board of Estimate was: "Resolved, That in requesting this information the members of this board desire to have it recorded that they make every reservation of the rights of the City of New York to continue to contest the validity and constitutionality of the act under which the Port of New York authority was constituted."

Plans Ready for Inspection

Answering this communication, Chairman Outerbridge sent the Board of Estimate a letter on Wednesday saying that all of the reports, maps, data, etc., asked for by the Board of Estimate were contained in their tentative report which the Board of Estimate already had in its possession, and that if the city officials wished to consult the originals they could see them at the office of the port authority. Mr. Outerbridge further said in his letter that the offices of the port authority would be kept open nights, if that was desired, to facilitate the inspection of their work and progress by members of the Board of Estimate or any one they might desire.

No reply was received by the port authority in answer to this last letter from Chairman Outerbridge. Thinking that some member of the Board of Estimate might be interested in the matter, Messrs. Smith, Goethals, Outerbridge and Cresson and the engineers, after waiting for Mayor Hylan and others until after 3 o'clock, went back to their work.

Mexican Oil Fire Halted

Thousand Men Hold Blaze to Four Wells in Amatlan Field

MEXICO CITY, July 21 (By The Associated Press).—A well organized fighting force, composed of a thousand men, is holding the fire in the Amatlan oil fields to the four wells which have been ablaze for several days. These wells may continue to burn for two months before they are extinguished, according to reports received here.

The belief prevails that the flames will be restricted to Lot 162, centering about Amatlan, which contains sixteen producing wells.

Secretary of War Estrada is at Amatlan directing the work of the fire fighters.

Chicago Bank Closed Pending an Investigation

Discoveries in Capital Stock Alleged to Have Been Made in President's Absence

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CHICAGO, July 21.—The Michigan Avenue Trust Company, a bank located in the heart of "Automobile Row," to-day was closed by the State Auditor pending further investigation of its accounts and assets. Belief that the capital stock of the concern might be impaired was given at the Auditor's office as grounds for the action. Warren C. Spurgin, president of the institution, was not at the bank to-day. Inquirers were told that he left the city a week ago, presumably on a vacation. No one could tell where he was beyond the suggestion that he was "somewhere in the East."

John A. Conrad, vice-president, and C. A. Beutel, the cashier, are said to have made discoveries during the absence of the president that resulted in notice to the State Auditor. The bank is capitalized at \$200,000 and lists resources at \$4,288,188.52. It is patronized largely by automobile concerns, a number of publishing houses, hotels and hundreds of small business concerns in the neighborhood.

The clearing house committee issued a statement to-night, saying the trouble of the bank has no bearing whatever on the general banking situation, which is sound. The concern was not a member of the clearing house and had no clearing arrangements with any member of the clearing house association.

H. B. Savage, state bank examiner, in making a formal statement, declared that "there is no authority for stating that the bank has failed."

Republicans Call Conventions to Nominate Judges

Meetings To Be Held in 7 Districts Where Elections Are Scheduled to Fill 11 Supreme Court Vacancies

George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee, acting in the absence of specific authority in the amended election law, has sent to all county clerks a notice calling for the holding of judicial conventions on September 20 in all districts where justices of the Supreme Court are to be elected. According to the data collected by Colonel Lafayette B. Gleason, secretary of the State Committee, conventions will be held as follows:

Second District—Counties of Kings, Nassau, Queens, Richmond and Suffolk. Two vacancies. Justice Almet F. Jenks resigned. The term of Justice Harrington Putnam expires by reason of age limit.

Third District—Counties of Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster. Two vacancies. The term of Justice William P. Ruid expires by reason of age limit. Vacancy caused by the election of Emory A. Chase to the Court of Appeals. Joseph H. Boschee, of Sullivan County, was appointed to Justice Chase's place.

Fourth District—Counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington. Two vacancies. Justice John M. Kellogg's term expires. George R. Salisbury died.

Fifth District—Counties of Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego. One vacancy. Justice P. C. J. DeAngelis died.

Seventh District—Counties of Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates. One vacancy. The term of Justice Samuel Nelson Sawyer, of Palmyra, expires.

Eighth District—Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauque, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming. Two vacancies. The terms of Justice John S. Lambert, of Fredonia, and Charles B. Wheeler, of Buffalo, expire.

Ninth District—Counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester. One vacancy. The term of Justice Isaac N. Mills, of Mount Vernon, expires by reason of age limit.

Charges Wife Was Drunk 177 Times in Seven Years

Gerald G. Gill, a salesman, in a separation action brought against his wife, Mrs. Mary R. Gill, yesterday, states in his complaint that he tried for seven years to put a stop to her inebriety, but did not succeed. He alleges that he was married on December 12, 1913, and that from time until May 15 last the defendant became intoxicated at least twice a month, remaining in an unconscious condition for days at a time. Alcohol, Jamaica ginger, and lavender ammonia, according to Mr. Gill, were resorted to by his wife when she could not obtain ordinary spirituous beverages.

In June, 1919, the plaintiff declares, while he was living with his wife at Hollis, L. I., they adopted a two-year-old baby in the hope of developing home life in their household. On his return from a trip, he charges, he found his wife in a stupor from liquor and the baby in a semi-starved condition. The baby was taken in charge by the Children's Aid Society.

Lockwood Is Likely to Head Fusion Ticket

Senator Expected To Be the Choice if Haskell Decides to Enter Republican Primaries in Race for Mayor

Kings Is the Objective

Curran Is the Favorite if Judge Stays Out; Four-Cornered Fight Expected

Choice of Senator Charles C. Lockwood as the fusion candidate for Mayor is likely to follow the decision of County Judge Reuben L. Haskell to enter the Republican primaries for the mayoralty nomination.

The political balance is lightly poised between Lockwood and Borough President Curran of Manhattan as the choice of the Republican coalition steering committee.

If the committee before next Tuesday discovers that Judge Haskell is going to enter the Republican primaries for the nomination, the leaders are expected to decide for Lockwood. If Haskell stays out of the race Major Curran is likely to be chosen as the head of the anti-Tammany ticket.

Depending on Calder

The leaders are depending on United States Senator Calder to learn definitely whether or not Judge Haskell is going to enter. Senator Calder will be out of town until next Monday.

The first objective of the Republican leaders is to choose a candidate who can carry the Republican primaries in the County of Kings. They are confident that Lockwood can win handsomely in his home county, no matter who his opponents may be. They are less sure that Major Curran could carry Kings in case Judge Haskell should be a candidate there.

At the present time there is a good prospect that there will be a four-cornered fight in the primaries for the Republican nomination, the aspirants being Curran or Lockwood, Major La Guardia, president of the Board of Aldermen; former Senator William M. Bennett, who carried the primaries against Mayor Mitchell four years ago, and perhaps Judge Haskell. The judge swept the county two years ago in the regular organization against him. He ran as a wet, defying the Anti-Saloon League people.

The leaders have practically agreed that either Lockwood or Curran shall head the ticket. One of the two will be chosen for Comptroller. The nomination for Aldermanic President is likely to go to an independent Democrat. Percy S. Straus, Edward J. McGuire and Immigration Commissioner Wallis are under consideration.

Two in Race to Stay

The steering committee has definitely learned that Major La Guardia and former Senator Bennett are in the race to stay. Senator Calder early this week labored long and earnestly with La Guardia to get him to drop out of the mayoralty race and accept a renomination, or possibly a nomination for Comptroller. He met with a firm refusal. The Major told his friends yesterday that he was fully committed to personal friends who desired to support him in the primaries that he could not withdraw from the mayoralty race. He predicted his triumph in the primary. Mr. Bennett is like-minded. He figures that with four candidates in the field he stands to win, provided he can poll the strength that rallied to him four years ago.

The steering committee, or general conference committee, of the anti-Tammany forces will meet this morning, at 10 o'clock, at the Hotel Commodore to consider platform and candidates. They do not expect to reach an agreement on candidates before next Tuesday night. They do, however, expect to whip the platform into shape before to-morrow night.

The steering committee, it is believed, is controlled by the Republican, although they have only twenty-two out-and-out organization members of the total of forty-five, but half a dozen independents are known to be in harmony with the twenty-two, insuring control of the platform committee.

4,800 Voters Want Hylan

A delegation from the Washington Heights Hylan League called at the City Hall yesterday and showed Mayor Hylan a signed petition containing 4,800 names, the leader, William D. J. McCarthy said, asking him to be a candidate for reelection as Mayor. Mr. McCarthy said that 1,100 of the signers were Republicans. The Mayor thanked his visitors and told them the people would decide the mayoralty.

Roosevelt Faces Gale And Lightning in Plane

Off Mouth of Potomac When Craft Runs Into Thunderstorm at Night

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
NORFOLK, Va., July 21.—Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, was caught in a storm while en route to Washington in an airplane last night and experienced some thrills that he will not soon forget. Mr. Roosevelt, who witnessed the bombing of the German battleship Oostfriesland, started for Washington at 9:40 o'clock last night in an F-5-L machine. Lieutenants Petterson and Davidson were with him.

At the mouth of the Potomac, the craft ran into a severe thunder storm. The pilot endeavored to get above the disturbance but met severe wind blasts. Mr. Roosevelt then told the pilot he thought it best to turn back. The party reached the naval base at 11:30 o'clock at night.

Mr. Roosevelt said he enjoyed his experience, but did not think it advisable to try to battle with a storm while so high in the air.

No Federal Orders Received, Says Crew of Alleged Rum Ship

ATLANTIC CITY, July 21.—Members of the crew of the schooner Pocumoke, suspected of rum-running, denied today dispatches received from New York which stated that the schooner was under orders to report to Captain John Holcomb, of the Federal Coast Guards station, Atlantic City.

"There is no such instruction," said one member of the crew. "The captain now is in Philadelphia looking after the ship's papers."

The Pocumoke has been engaged in fishing since she was built two years ago. She formerly was of American registry and made Atlantic City her home port. Last spring she transferred her registry to the British flag and now gives Nassau as her home port.

Parents to Inspect New York Schools Early in October

Prall Has Week Set Aside to Allow Public to See Conditions for Itself, and Predicts Its Approval

The Board of Education, at an adjourned meeting yesterday, adopted a resolution designating the week of October 10 as "New York Schools Week." During that week the schools of the city will be open to the public, and an inspection by parents will be invited.

Ann S. Prall, president of the Board of Education, asked the board to designate such a week. The resolution adopted by the board was offered by Commissioner Harry B. Chambers.

Mr. Prall explained the purpose of "schools week" in a letter sent yesterday to Mrs. Rogers H. Bacon, chairman of the committee which made an investigation of school buildings recently. In his letter Mr. Prall said:

"There is every desire on the part of the members of the Board of Education to put all of the facts before the people and to make them acquainted fully with the condition in which the school buildings are to-day.

"We are confident that the progress made with the new building program and with the three-year program of repairing old buildings has resulted in definite improvement in the housing of pupils. We intend to let the people themselves judge not only of the housing condition, but also of the splendid work the schools, the teachers and the children are doing.

"To this end I intend to ask the Board of Education to set apart the week of October 10 as a New York schools week.

"During that week we shall open every school building in the city to public inspection. We shall invite

parents to see the schools in session. We shall hold a public meeting for parents and other citizens, at which the work of the schools will be demonstrated. There will also be general meetings in selected buildings in each school district and city and borough meetings for the discussion of pressing school problems and the best methods to solve them.

Wife Asking Separation Says Husband Was Cold to Child

Mrs. Maude B. Clarke, charging cruel treatment, yesterday began suit for a separation against Royal E. B. Clarke, of 405 Lexington Avenue. Mrs. Clarke, who sets forth she married the defendant on November 5, 1908, alleges that he shows no affection for her and that openly he has criticized her severely and unjustly.

She also charges he has told her that their child, Jeanne, six years old, did not mean much to him.

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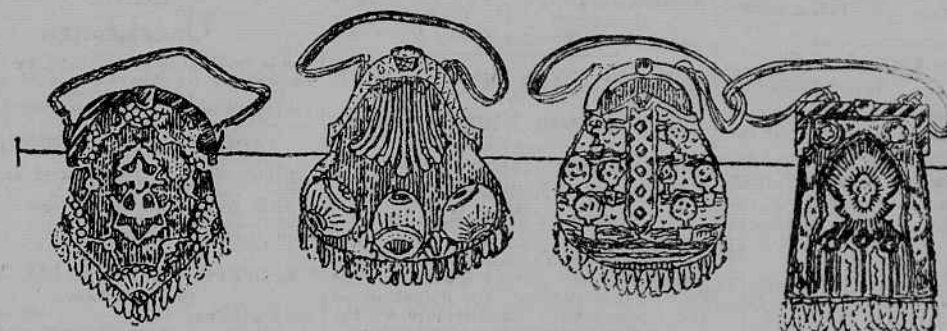
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